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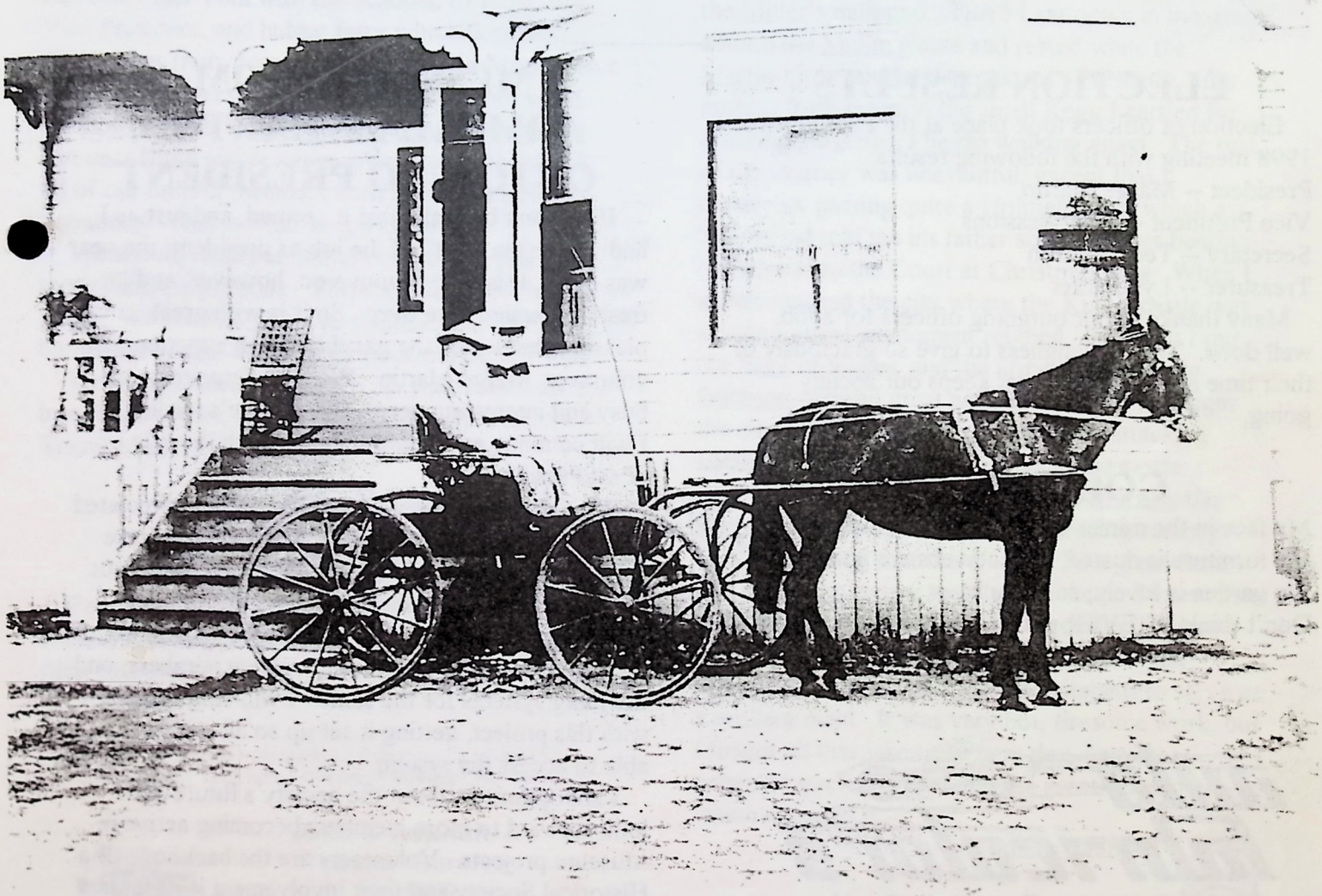

Josiah and Hattie Beeman in front of their new home in 1901. This home is now our museum, purchased from their granddaughter, Jill Martin, in 1993. Picture courtesy of Jack Martin, the Beeman's grandson and Jill Martin's brother.

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ANOTHER PHOTO FROM THE PAST

William Thompson and Mr. Waley (mustache) in 1906, on their way to the Blue Ledge mine, owned by Thompson on Joe Creek. Thompson married Margaret Chavner that year and they then spent their honeymoon at the mine. They lived in a rustic log cabin for 1-1/2 years.

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ELECTION RESULTS

Election of officers took place at the February 18, 1998 meeting with the following results:

President -- Marge Martin
Vice President -- Janet Sessions
Secretary -- Ted Wharton
Treasurer -- Lyn Parker

Many thanks to our outgoing officers for a job well done. Their willingness to give so graciously of their time and talents is what keeps our society going.

GOOD VISION!

My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn,
My furniture is dusted, the cobwebs are gone,
My garden is lovely, so is the lawn,
Don't think I'll EVER put my glasses back on.

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MESSAGE FROM ARMELLA WHARTON, OUTGOING PRESIDENT

1997 went by really fast it seemed, and just as I had gotten the "gist" of the job as president, the year was over. It is time to move on, however, and let fresh leadership take over. So it is with great pleasure that I pass the gavel on to an experienced volunteer, Marge Martin. We look forward to a busy and interesting year under Marge's leadership. I will continue as a board member with the title of "Past President".

A lot was accomplished in 1997 and I appreciated the help and support the board and members gave me. I feel gratified that some of my ideas were put into practice, such as the "Birthday Walk", "Volunteer of the Month", and the reorganization of the accession numbers, photo negative numbers, and the filing systems for the same. I will continue on with this project, getting it set up so all staff will be able to access the system.

I am optimistic about the society's future and look forward to more members becoming active in Museum projects. Volunteers are the backbone of a Historical Society and their involvement is necessary and appreciated.

See you at the meetings.
(Signed) Armella Wharton
03/03/98

A MESSAGE FROM MARGE MARTIN, PRESIDENT

Another year has caught up with us. 1997 was a busy time for all of us.

I want to thank Armella, Past President, for a good job. When everyone works together it makes for smooth sailing. We have a really great group of people.

Many thanks to Joyce, our Curator, with her gold panning demos; to Ted, Secretary, with his wonderful story telling to folks; to Rex, our Jack of all Trades, and his great wife, Lyn, Treasurer, who can do just about anything with the computer; to Board Members, Alyce with the scrap book work and Mary and Tom with the schools; to Janet, our Vice President, and hubby Jerry who bakes such good cakes (huh, Jerry). Clare and Don Moore have been on a rendezvous for three months and we're looking forward to having them home soon so we can hear Clare giggle again. Also, many thanks to all of our faithful members with their wonderful donations. That is what keeps us going.

We should have our stamp mill up this year and more landscaping done. These are some of the goals. We are also going to remodel and fix the bathroom - make it a little more of the early 1900s.

We always need volunteers, so you folks who are interested come on in. You will be very welcome. Thank you all again.

As ever,
(Signed) Marge Martin,
President

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FROM *THE NUGGET*, 1936

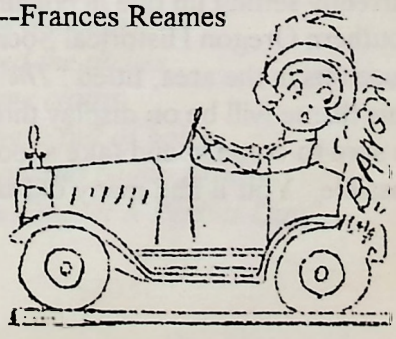
(Gold Hill School Yearbook)

COLLECTED COGNOMENS

Now I shall "take my pen in hand" and sit down with a couple of Reames of paper and proceed to tell you the story of my adventures.

As I am a great Walker, one day during Lentz weeks I decided to take a hike across the country to see the King's castle. So, not forgetting Turpin a note on the door, telling anyone who might call that I would be gone for several days, I started out. After I had Dun the first Lap of my journey, I came to a little village. I walked through it, past the Shoemaker's place of business, and past where ringing blows sounded from the shop of Tom the Smith, until I came to the little stream that ran into the Miller's millpond. There I sat down in the grass among the Mullin plants and rested while the Martin-birds sang in the treetops. Presently, after putting fresh water in the small Kegg I carried for drinking purposes, I began walking again. The rest of my journey was uneventful, except that I remember passing quite a Holifield from which a Young lad told me his father sold branches bearing red berries to the Court at Christmas time. When I at last reached the city where the King's castle was situated, great excitement reigned. In the air rang the Blair of bugles, and the armed Force at the Garrison showed great activity. At first I thought the city was preparing to Ward off an attacking enemy, but the haughty Dorman at the castle condescended to tell me that on the Morrow the King and his court from the neighboring country was coming and that there would be a great feast and a military review to entertain them. I knew that the Royal Cook would need all the help that he could get, so, in order to be present when the foreign king came, I went to the kitchens to serve as a scullery maid. It was very hot, tiresome work, but I forgot all that when, the next day, I saw the expected guests' arrival and the great ceremony which attended it.

----Frances Reames



HUMOR THROUGH THE YEARS - FROM THE 1940 *GOLD HILL NEWS*

S'MATTER POP— A New Cherry Tree Story May Break Soon

By C. M. PAYNE

LOOK, AMBROSE! CHERRY TREE!
HUH?
I'LL COME AROUND AN' HELP MYSELF WHEN THA CHERRIES GET RIPE!
OO WHAT'LL YA SAY IF THA FARMER CATCHES YA UP IN THA CHERRY TREE?
LET ME THINK
I'D SAY, I'M SORRY BUT I JUST FELL OUT OF AN AIRPLANE
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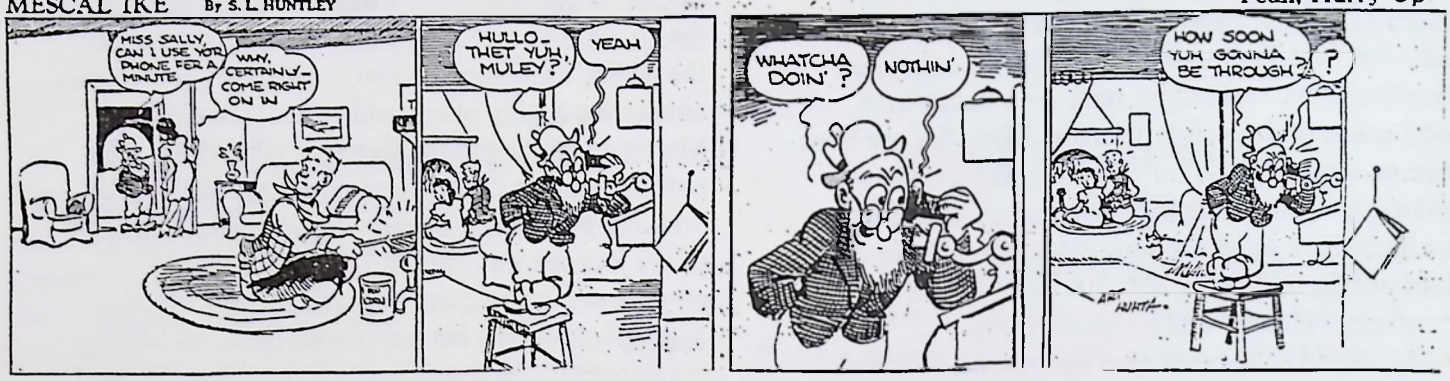
Yeah, Hurry Up



NOVEMBER GUESS WHO

In November our newsletter contained two pictures of a young lady who grew up to become one of the mainstays of Gold Hill volunteerism. Did you guess that it was our very own Alyce Bottelson? Alyce volunteers weekly here at the museum, as well as keeping busy with the Grange and Seniors, and is always in the center of preparations for flea markets, breakfasts, or chili and pie feeds

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NEW DISPLAYS

Our displays are constantly changing, and we're currently setting up one in conjunction with Southern Oregon Historical Society and other museums in the area, titled "*The Whole Cloth*". This theme will be on display through September, so be sure to come in and take a look at it if at all possible. You'll find many old and new ideas.

STUDY HALL ETIQUETTE-- FRESHMEN ATTENTION!

1936 *The Nugget* (Gold Hill School Yearbook)

When entering, walk heavily, for if you do not, no one will know that you have entered.

If you wish to speak to some one, call his name out in a loud whisper so that you can attract every one's attention.

Whatever you do, don't throw your waste paper in the basket; tear it up in small pieces and cast it on the floor. The principal object of this is to keep the basket neat.

Always make as much noise as possible; it breaks the monotony and enables one to study better.

By all means congregate in the hall between classes, as that makes variety, which is the essence of life.

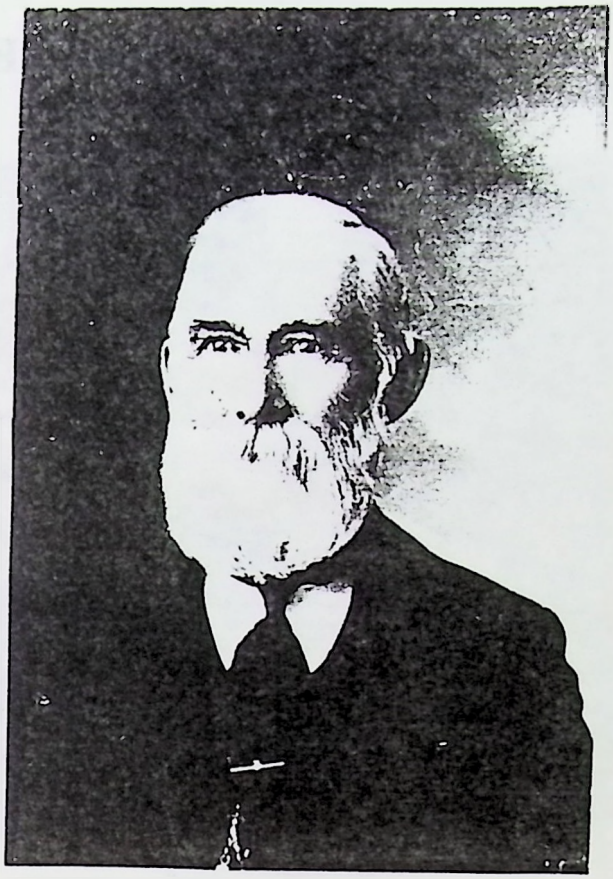

Photo above Nathan Nye

Photo at left, left to right:
Pearl Nye McPheeters, Nathan Nye, Hal B. Nye, and Melvin L. McPheeters, early in 1913. Taken in Gold Hill, Oregon. Photos donated by Leon (Lee) Yates, great, great grandson of Nathan Nye.

KITCHEN DISPLAY

To help instill interest in how life was lived in the early 1900s, a new brochure has been placed in our kitchen display. Following is a portion of the information contained in it.

THE FOLLOWING RHYME WAS ABOUT ROGER RAMSEY'S GRANDMA AND GREAT GRANDMA

Mama's Mama
by Mabel Dysert Ramsey

Mama's Mama on a winters day
Milked the cows and fed them hay.
Slopped the hogs, saddled the mule,
and got the children off to school.
Did a washing, mopped the floors,
washed the windows and did some chores.
Cooked a dish of home dried fruit,
Pressed her husband's Sunday shirt.
Swept the parlor, made the beds,
baked a dozen loaves of bread.
Split some firewood and lugged it in,
enough to fill the kitchen bin.
Cleaned the lamps and put in oil,
stewed some apples she thought might spoil.
Churned some butter, baked a cake,
the exclaimed, "For mercy's sake,
the calves have got out of the pen."
Went out and chased them in again.
Gathered the eggs and cleaned the stable,
returned to the house and set the table,
Cooked a supper that was delicious,
and afterwards she washed the dishes.
Fed the cat, sprinkled some cloths,
darned some socks that were full of holes.
Then she opened the organ and began to play,
"When You Come To The End Of A Perfect Day".

STAMP MILL ENGINE RESTORED

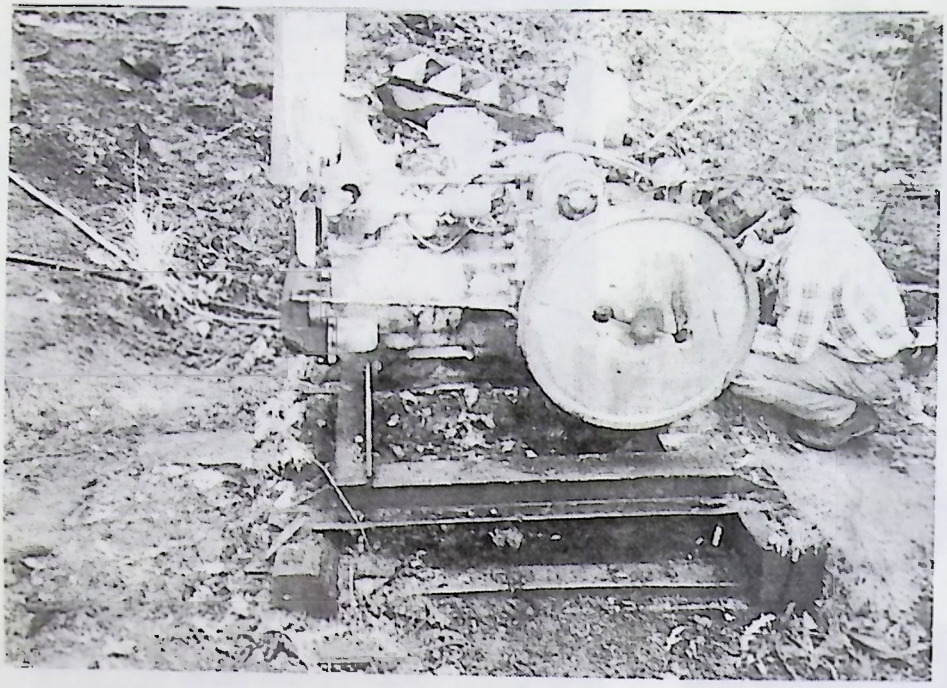

Photo of antique John Deere engine, model "W", from the Lucky Bart mine, "thought to be a 1922", being salvaged from the mine. Eric Gomes shown using a cutting torch. A tree had fallen on the engine causing considerable damage.

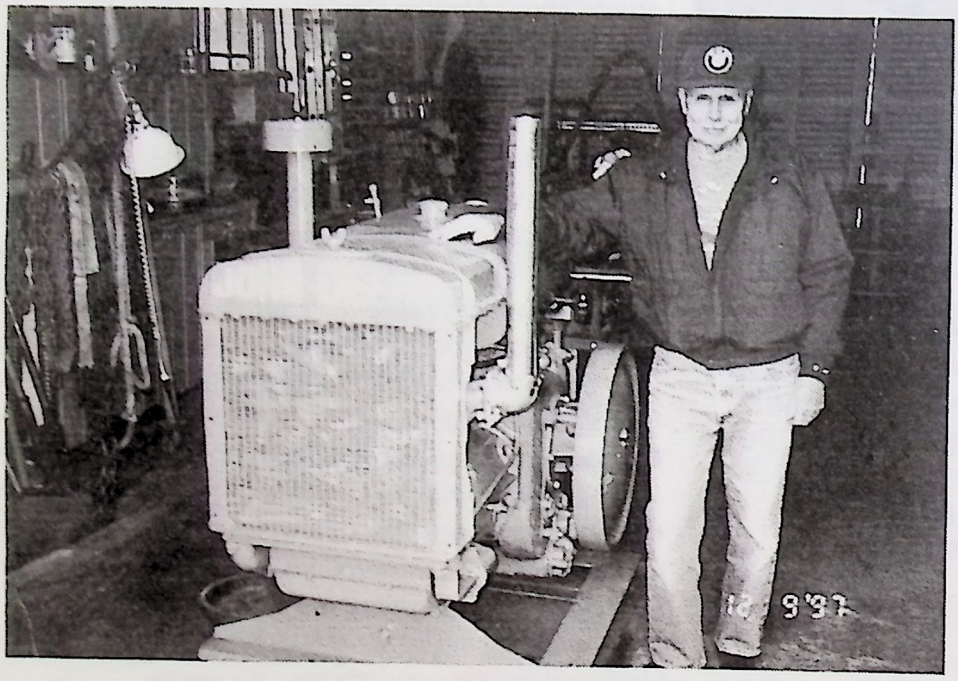

Photo showing George Cox with restored engine in his shop where he spent the winter fabricating parts and assembling the power plant which was in bad condition.

A "tip of the hat" to George for all his volunteer time and material. The engine, now being mounted on wheels and with a coat of John Deere green, will soon be on display at the museum.

BITS & PIECES

Many happy returns to lifetime Gold Hill resident, Lester Foley, on the occasion of his 90th birthday February 28, 1998.

Please hurry and get well, Alyce Bottelson, our champion volunteer! We all miss you and hope you'll be your happy, busy self again soon

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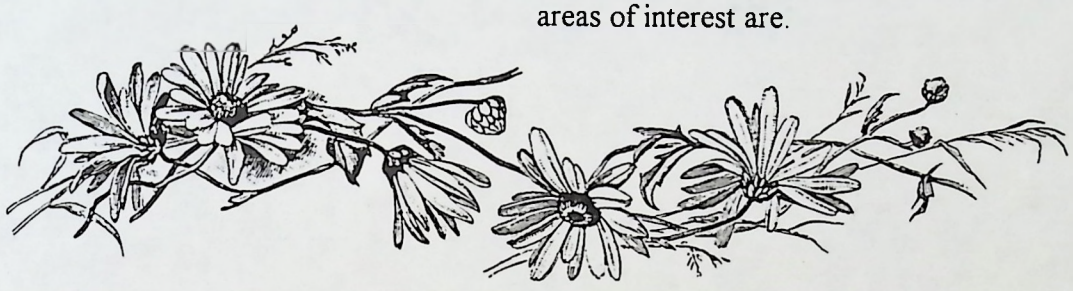
On a sad note, our condolences to President, Marge Martin, on the death of her husband, Jim Martin last November 28. Jim had lived most of his life in Gold Hill and he will be sorely missed by all of us as well as the community.

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER, LYN PARKER

Many thanks to all of you who sent in your dues for 1998 so promptly. I can't remember another year when renewal dues were received so soon after the beginning of the new year. I really appreciate your help in reducing the bookkeeping! For those who have not yet renewed, or for new members, I have placed a Membership Form at the end of this page. Our Family Membership remains just $5.00. Everyone is welcome to join in our goal of preserving the past for future generations. As always, we are in need of volunteers to help us with the work of the museum. If you have a desire to help us with any of our ongoing or special projects, please call and let us know what your talents or areas of interest are.



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MUSEUM HOURS

The museum is open Wednesday through Sunday , from 10:00 A. M. until 4:00 P. M. Arrangements may be made for tours at other times and/or days by calling the museum at (541) 855-1182.

MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the Gold Hill Historical Society are held the third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 P. M. in the museum at 504 First Avenue, Gold Hill, Oregon. Please join us for an evening of fellowship, education and planning.

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